

HOUSE No. 456

By Ms. Jehlen of Somerville, petition of Patricia D. Jehlen and others relative to creditable retirement service for certain public employees. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Patricia D. Jehlen	Benjamin Swan
Anne M. Paulsen	Susan C. Fargo
Thomas P. Kennedy	Alice Hanlon Peisch

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PUBLIC EMPLOYEES CREDITABLE RETIREMENT SERVICE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Subdivision (1) of section 4 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws,
2 recently amended by Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1998 shall be
3 amended by deleting paragraph four and substituting the
4 following:—

5 Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter or any other
6 general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, a member
7 in service of a retirement system as defined in section one who
8 served in the armed forces of the United States or who served in
9 the Peace Corps or Vista, The Commissioned Corps of the United
10 States Public Health Service, or the Commissioned Corps of the
11 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and who has
12 completed ten or more years of membership service shall be enti-
13 tled to credit for service; provided, however, that service shall not
14 be credited until such member has paid into the annuity savings
15 fund of such system, in one sum or in installments, upon such
16 terms and conditions as the board may prescribe, makeup pay-
17 ments, for each year of creditable service sought, of an amount
18 equal to the ten percent of the regular annual compensation of the

19 member when said member entered the retirement system; and,
20 provided further that such creditable service shall not be construed
21 to include service for more than four years; provided further, that
22 such creditable service shall not be allowed for any period of
23 service for which said member has received credit pursuant to
24 paragraph (h) of subsection (1) of section 4 of chapter thirty-two
25 of the General Laws or for which said member receives a federal
26 military pension. This act shall apply to all Massachusetts
27 National Guard and Active Reserve personnel, both former and
28 present. Creditable service time, both enlisted and commissioned
29 may be applied toward retirement on a ratio of five years guard
30 service or five years reserve service substitutable for each year of
31 armed forces or, Peace Corps, or Vista, or Commissioned Corps of
32 the United States Public Health Service, or the Commissioned
33 Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.